GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ENHANCEMENT OF FUNDS FOR DRINKING WATER IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plans to allocate more funds to facilitate the States reeling under the drought and drinking water crisis and for rejuvenate the water supply schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether requests have been received from the State Governments in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ; and

(e) the funds allocated during 2001 -2002, 2002-2003 for the purpose, State-wise;

Answer

MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a)&(b) The Government of India has decided that with effect from the current financial year(2002-2003) , 5 % of the allocated funds in a financial year, under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) will be kept to meet contingencies arising outof natural calamities and emergent situations . During 2002-2003, an amount of Rs. 105.50 crore has been earmarked for the purpose.

(c),(d)& (e) Many State Governments including Haryana, U.P, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat,Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, J &K , Jharkhand,Himachal Pradesh,Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Uttaranchal have requested for additionalfinancial assistance for tackling water scarcity caused due to drought situation. Details of funds released to State Government for drought relief under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, out of the 5% earmarked fund during the current financial year (2002-2003) are given below :

1.	Himachal Pradesh	Rs.	890.00	lakh
2.	Karnataka	Rs.	157.68	lakh
3.	Madhya Pradesh	Rs	367.08	lakh
4.	Orissa	Rs.	311.25	lakh